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SUBJ: SANJIVA REDDY MAY BE UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED

AS PRESIDENT

REF: NEW DELHI 9633

1. N, SANJIVA REDDY RESIGNED AS SPEAKER OF THE LOK SABHA ON JULY 13 AND FILED HIS NOMINATION PAPERS FOR THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. REDDY NOW APPEARS TO BE THE CONSENSUS CANDIDATE OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES. THE "PROPOSERS" OF HIS NOMINATION PAPER (I.E., THOSE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDE PM DESAI, CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY LEADER Y.B. CHAVAN, CPM FLOOR LEADER JYOTIRMOY BOSU, AND THE OK SABHA LEADERS OF THE OTHER PARTIES REPRESENTED IN PARLIAMENT. A FURTHER INDICATION OF THE VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS SUPORT OFR REDDY'S CANDIDACY WERE THE WARM SPEECHES PRAISING HIS SERVICES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE HOUSE WHEN HE BID FAREWELL TO THE LOK SABHA.

2. THREE OTHER PERSONS HAVE ALSO FILED NOMINATION PAPERS: ALL ARE UNKNOWNS. NONE OF THE THREE HAS THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PROPOSERS AND HENCE THEIR CANDIDACIES WILL PROBABLY BE DISQUALIFIED ON THE DAY OF SCRUTINY, JULY 19. THUS, AS THINGS NOW STAND, REDDY MAY BE THE ONLY CANDIDATE WITH VALID NOMINATION PAPERS AND HIS MAY BE THE SOLE NAME PUBLISHED ON THE CANDIDATE LIST IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE ON JULY 21. IN THIS CASE, HE WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY DECLARED ELECTED AS PRESIDENT ON THAT SAME DAY. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO HAVE A CONGRATULATORY PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE PREPARED IN CASE THIS SHOULD OCCUR.

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